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COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
Tuesday, September 26, 2006 @ 10:00 a.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, McCue, Weishan and Holloway (Chair)-7

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SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. 061R2 Invitation to the Greater Milwaukee Committee (GMC) to present the September 11, 2006 report by the GMC Quality of Life Task Force.

APPEARANCES:

Terrence Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations

- 8-B-369** Mr. Cooley gave an overview of the communications sent to the GMC Committee Task Force Co-Chairs, dated 9/12/06, that referenced the following:
- Milwaukee County Services
 - Intergovernmental Cooperation
 - Health Care Costs
 - Pension Obligation Bonds
 - State Court System
 - State Control Board
 - Identify the number of GMC members who reside within Milwaukee County
 - Invitation to appear at today's meeting.

Mr. Cooley stated that a letter dated 9/18/06, from the GMC Co-Chairs that they would not be available to attend today's meeting due to pre-existing travel commitments. They did offer to either meet with the County Board Committee of the Whole or appear at the upcoming County Board Public Budget Hearing on Monday, October 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to present the report.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

8-B-500 The 9/20/06 communication was to Julia Taylor, President, GMC inviting her to appear at today's meeting. She responded verbally her inability to attend.

The 9/26/06 communication to Mr. Lubar and Mr. Abele, Co-Chairs, GMC, was to invite them to the next scheduled Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

Supervisor McCue suggested that the 2007 Budget Hearing Schedule be forwarded to the GMC Committee.

8-B-527 Supervisor Borkowski said he would ask GMC what have they done as far as the Southeastern Insurance Health problem because it is affecting the local economy. Do they have a study or action plan relating to this issue? Chairman Holloway recommended that a letter be sent to the GMC Task Force addressing this concern when they do come before the Committee.

8-B-540 Supervisor McCue moved to lay the item over until the next IGR Committee meeting.

There being no objection, it was so ordered by the Chair.

2. 06-376 Resolution by Supervisors Nyklewicz and Holloway urging the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation to Repeal a New Non-Wage Federal Withholding Requirement of 3% on the Procurement of Most Products and Services.

8-B-547 **ACTION BY: (Nyklewicz) Approve. Vote 7-0**
AYES: Dimitrijevic, Nyklewicz, Borkowski, White, McCue, Weishan and Holloway (Chair)-7
NOES: None

3. 06-10 Update from Director of Intergovernmental Relations, regarding legislative matters. **(FOR INFORMATION ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

8-B-562

APPEARANCES:

Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations Division
Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations Division
Terrence Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
Brian Dranzik, County Board Research Analyst
Sharon Cook, City of Milwaukee, Intergovernmental Relations

Mr. de la Rosa briefly discussed the Wisconsin Legislative Council Special Committee and Airport Authorities that has been created and other legislative issues. Courts and Courts funding.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The first meeting basically laid out the intent, possible ownership and operation of airports in the state by independent airport authorities to ensure an efficient transportation system to foster regional and state economic growth. If desirable, recommend implementing legislation for independent airport authorities, including creation, jurisdiction, governance, finance, transfer and transition.

The membership consists of twelve members. Those members representing Milwaukee County consists of:

Representative Jeff Stone

Alderman Terry Witkowski, City of Milwaukee Common Counsel

Representative Mark Honadel

Senator Jeffrey Plale

Richard Abelson, DC 48

George Torres, County Executive appointee

Supervisor James White is scheduled to be a member of this committee effective September 26, 2006, as the County Board appointee. He attended a meeting last week in Madison relative to history of aviation in the State of Wisconsin and airport security.

A meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2006 to deal with the economic impact and business of an airport. Invited speakers will testify. A schedule for future meetings has been outlined. A meeting will be held in Milwaukee toward the end of October at a place to be determined.

Supervisor Nyklewicz suggested that County Board staff attempt to get before the Committee a report prepared by the airport relative to the revenue sources generated by General Mitchell International Airport. Parking fees is generating approximately 65% of the airport revenue.

8-B-607 Supervisor Dimitrijevic asked for the next steps are after the study committee meetings are concluded.

Ms. Bablitch indicated that Mr. Dranzik has and will continue to attend these meetings on behalf of the County Board.

Chairman Holloway said that a major part of the airport's revenue has to do with parking and he was not sure how many individuals are aware of this. Supervisor White stated that retail concessions also play into this revenue.

Ms. Bablitch said the Committee, if deemed necessary by the majority of the members, after a series of five meetings, would draft legislation. A meeting will be held on October 25, 2006 in Milwaukee, which was confirmed by Representative Stone.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The location of the Milwaukee meeting for October 25, 2006 will be held at the airport. Supervisor White said he believes the meeting could be held at the Courthouse 203-R to make sure the meeting is taped and discussions can be heard.

8-B-724 Supervisor McCue requested IGR staff look at all the airports in the State of Wisconsin and how much tax levy is going to subsidize those airports. Waukesha County's airport is on the tax levy. In addition, he wanted a copy of a report that states that Milwaukee County's Airport (GMIA) is one of the best airports in the nation.

8-B-721 Supervisor McCue suggested that a mobilization plan with municipalities regarding the airport issue be developed.

Supervisor Nyklewicz suggested putting this issue on the agenda and have the individuals who are proponents of this measure come before the County Board and make their case as to how and why the airport needs to be taken over by the State of Wisconsin.

Discussion ensued on the issue of shared revenues that are possibly jeopardized by the school choice formula. Ms. Cook said the issue does not bring any additional funding to either county or city government. It has a direct impact on property taxpayers.

9-A-65 Sharon Cook, City of Milwaukee Intergovernmental Relations Director, asked to address the Committee regarding the Special Committee on Airport Authorities and Chair Representative Jeff Stone's meetings with the editorial board regarding General Mitchell International Airport.

Chairman Holloway instructed Ms. Cook to obtain a letter, as soon as possible, from Mayor Tom Barrett reinforcing the City of Milwaukee's opposition to a hostile takeover of GMIA. Letter should be presented to the Special Legislative Council Committee on Airport Authorities with a copy sent to the Board's IGR committee. Ms. Cook noted that she would take action.

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Roy de la Rosa, Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Ms. Kelly Bablitch, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations
Mr. Terrence Cooley, County Board Chief of Staff
Mr. Brian Dranzik, County Board Research Analyst
Mr. Steve Cady, County Board Fiscal and Budget Analyst

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

This meeting was recorded on tape, which is available for audit upon prior request of the Committee Clerk. The foregoing matters were not necessarily considered in agenda order. Committee "green files" contain copies of resolutions, amendments, ordinances, reports and correspondence, etc., which may be reviewed upon request of the Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board office.

Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.

Delores "Dee" Hervey
Chief Committee Clerk

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